

REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants' gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 10-19, 26-32, 36-40, 42-47 and 49-55 are allowed.

Amendments

Non-elected claims 22 and 33 are cancelled. Claim 9 is amended to delete "and derivatives thereof" and to correct the spelling of adsorbents. Claim 23 is amended to reinsert the word "treat." Claim 24 is amended to delete "optionally." Claim 41 is amended to correct the spelling of remodeling and claim 48 is amended to depend from claim 2, which provides antecedent basis for "human."

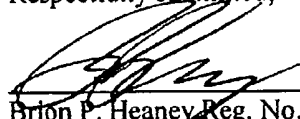
Rejections Under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claims 9, 23, 24, 34, 35, 41 and 48 are rejected as being allegedly indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, the rejected claims have been amended. These amendments are submitted for purposes of furthering prosecution. In view of these amendments, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


Brian P. Heaney Reg. No. 32,542
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)

MILLEN, WHITE, ZELANO
& BRANIGAN, P.C.
Arlington Courthouse Plaza I, Suite 1400
2200 Clarendon Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22201
Telephone: (703) 243-6333
Facsimile: (703) 243-6410
Attorney Docket No.: **PHARMA-131**

Date: November 12, 2004